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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Inspection of vessels—Decrease of cholera at Manila.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, October 8 and 17:

Week ended October 5. Quarantinable disease reported for the city of Manila as follows:

Cholera.—Forty-two cases, 37 deaths. There has been an increase of 19 cases and 10 deaths from cholera in the city of Manila over the preceding week. The number of cases continued to increase until October 2, on which day 11 cases were reported. Since that time there has been a rapid decrease in the number of cases, and during the last three days not more than 3 per day have been found. The latter cases were not nearly so malignant as those that occurred earlier in the week.

During the week consular bills of health were issued as follows:

October 3, the U. S. army transport *Crook*, with 160 crew and 374 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. Crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected. All cargo and baggage taken on board at Manila inspected and either disinfected or passed. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing.

Week ended October 12.

Cholera.—For the week covered by this report there occurred 13 cases and 11 deaths from cholera in the city of Manila, which is a decided improvement over the week previous, amounting in fact to a reduction of 29 cases and 26 deaths over the figures for the preceding week. So far there has been no further spread of the disease outside of the city of Manila, with the exception of 1 case, which was taken by train to the nearby province of Bulacan.

The maritime quarantine inspection imposed upon outgoing inter-island vessels has been entirely effective.

During the week consular bills of health were issued as follows:

October 7 the British steamship *Keemun*, with 89 crew, en route from Glasgow to Seattle, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo. October 8 the French steamship *Longsor*, with 25 crew and 26 passengers, en route from Shanghai to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after inspection. October 9 the U. S. army transport *Thomas*, en route from San Francisco to Zamboanga, was granted a bill of health. Crew, 189, and passengers, 751, were inspected at the hour of sailing. October 10 the British steamship *Visigoth*, with 29 crew, en route from New Castle to Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing. October 10 the British steamship *Sikh*, with 68 crew and 1 passenger, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Personnel and cargo inspected. October 12 the American steamship *Magallanes*, with 46 crew, en route from Saigon to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health. The members of the crew were quarantined on board while in Manila Bay and inspected prior to sailing.